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*"HOME OF ARMY MEDICINE"**Viva fiesta*

Photo by Esther Garcia

Maj. Gen. Russell Czerw, commanding general, Fort Sam Houston and Army Medical Department Center and School, Col. Wendy Martinson, commander, U.S. Army Garrison, Staff Sgt. Yvonne Saldiver, Staff Sgt. Howard Markel, military ambassadors and Command Sgt. Maj. Howard Riles, AMEDDC&S, meet Cecelia Mujica, creator of the 2008 Fiesta poster. Fort Sam Houston leadership were on hand to watch the unveiling of the poster during the Fiesta poster unveiling ceremony Feb. 12 at Sunset Station. City-wide Fiesta celebrations begin April 18 to 27. Fort Sam Houston will celebrate Fiesta April 20.

Corps awards contract for medical complex construction

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District, has awarded a contract to begin building the complex on Fort Sam Houston where the enlisted medical training of all branches of the U.S. military eventually will be consolidated.

The \$140 million contract is for construction of two, 1,200-person dormitories on the Medical Education and Training Campus that is planned for the post, as a result of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure law.

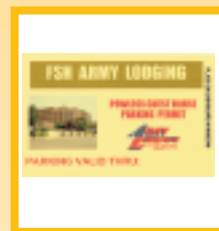
The contract was awarded to the Hensel Phelps Construction Co., which is headquartered in Greeley, Colo., and operates a district office in Austin, Texas.

The dorms are just one portion of the Medical Education and Training Campus. This complex will be one of the largest medical education and training institutions in the world, with an average daily student enrollment that is expected to be more than 9,000. The two dorms will house incoming Air Force and Navy students. Along with the dorms, the campus will include approximately 1.2 million square feet of instructional

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Groundbreaking heralds construction for new 470th MI Building

By Cheryl Harrison
Fort Sam Houston Public Information Office

Though a training holiday and despite a slight drizzle and overcast sky, a large group of Soldiers turned out Friday for the official groundbreaking ceremony of the new headquarters for the 470th Military Intelligence Brigade. The ceremony was held on the site of the new building being constructed behind the Old Brooke Army Medical Center building, where

the 470th MI Brigade currently shares space with U.S. Army South.

Members of the groundbreaking party, Maj. Gen. Keith Huber, commanding general, U.S. Army South; Maj. Gen. David Lacquement, commanding general, U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command; Col. Cheryl Harris, commander, 470th Military Intelligence Group; Col. Wendy Martinson, commander, U.S. Army Garrison Fort Sam Houston; and Charles Midkiff,

chief executive officer of Orion Partners, Inc., donned hard hats and scooped shovels of sand to signify the beginning of construction for the new facility.

Scheduled to be completed by December 2008, the building will contain six stories with about 156,000 square feet of space. Some 400 to 500 people will be housed in the new facility with plenty of parking space around the nine-acre site.

"The primary tenant of the new building will be the 470th Military Intelligence Brigade,

which is attached to U.S. Army South, the principal tenant in Old BAMC. We expect this new building to be part of the campus for those units on a long term basis," said Tom Chandler, president, Orion Partners, Inc.

The top floor and a few spaces on the first floor, a total of about 43,000 square feet of space, are available for lease, with the 470th occupying the rest. The availability of this space could help the garrison

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Powless Guest House parking for residents

Story and photos by Phil Reidinger
Fort Sam Houston Public Affairs Office

Fort Sam Houston police officers checked vehicles entering the Powless Guest House last week at the request of residents who are finding it difficult to locate a parking space. Residents and employees of the guest house were issued a parking permit placard to place on the dashboard of their vehicle to assist police officers identify authorized vehicles.

Police officers also assist patients trying to negotiate the crosswalk during the morning and afternoon rush hour traffic at the intersection of George Beach and Chambers roads near the Powless Guest House and the Center for the Intrepid.

The Powless Guest House stays near capacity as a temporary home for Warriors in Transition and their Family members and Family members of injured service men and women who are in-patients at Brooke Army Medical Center.

Because of the construction of the Battlefield Health and Trauma Center, a total of 324 parking spaces in Lot A are not available and parking is at a premium near the Center for the Intrepid as out-patients recuperating from wounds arrive each day for physical therapy.

Staff parking spaces in Lot A were relocated to parking lots on George Beach Avenue in the vicinity of BAMC and adjacent parking space at the east side of the Navy and Marine Reserve Training center which have sufficient capacity to replace parking spaces lost due to the construction.



Powless Guest House parking permit



The marked crossing on George Beach Avenue is a major access point to Brooke Army Medical Center and the Center for the Intrepid for patients and their Families who live in the Powless Guest House and the Fisher Houses. Fort Sam Houston police officers are stationed at this crosswalk during peak traffic periods to help them negotiate traffic. Extra lighting during periods of limited visibility and installed flashers along the roadway are being used to warn drivers to be careful at this intersection.



(Above) Fort Sam Houston police officers check vehicles entering the Powless Guest House parking lot reserved for residents and employees as a result of complaints from residents. The Powless Guest House operates at capacity as a residence for Warriors in Transition and their Families. Residents and employees have been issued parking permit placards to identify authorized vehicles.



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Black History Month observance

The 232nd Medical Battalion will host the 32nd Medical Brigade's Black History Month Commemoration Feb. 28 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Hacienda Recreation Center. The event is free and open to all initial entry training students. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Prince at 221-3748.

Hospital Corps anniversary

Fort Sam Houston and U.S. Army Medical Department Center and School Commander Maj. Gen. Russell Czerw, and Command Sgt. Maj. Howard Riles will host the 121st anniversary of the Hospital Corps Feb. 29 at 5 p.m. at the AMEDD Museum. The guest speaker will be retired Col. Frank Blakely II, Honorary Colonel of the Regiment. Tickets are \$5. All are invited to attend. For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Tammy Crawley at 215-3325.

Fort Sam Main Store events

Hip-hop artist Webbie will be at the Fort Sam Houston Main Post Exchange Feb. 29 at 5 p.m. He will be signing his latest album "Savage Life," which will be released Tuesday.

Keke Palmer, from "Akeelah and the Bee," will be at the Fort Sam Houston Main Post Exchange March 2 at 1 p.m. for a mini concert and signing of her newest CD "So Uncool."

Anniversary of first military flight

Fort Sam Houston will celebrate the 98th anniversary of Lt. Benjamin Foulois' first military flight March 3 at 11 a.m. at the main post flagpole on Stanley Road. Col. Walter Golden, deputy commanding general and assistant commandant, Fort Rucker, Ala., will be the keynote speaker. The ceremony is hosted by The Stinsons Flight No. 2, Order of the Daedalians and the Jack Dibrell/Alamo Chapter of the Army Aviation Association of America. The public is invited. Inclement weather site is Blesse Auditorium, Willis Hall, on Stanley Road.

Surgeon general speaks at luncheon

Army Surgeon General and Medical Command Commander Lt. Gen. Eric Schoomaker will be the guest speaker at a luncheon March 12 at 11:30 a.m. at the Sam Houston Club. Tickets are available through Morale, Welfare and Recreation at the Club.

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Wounded Warriors receive Purple Hearts for courage, service

By Jen Rodriguez

Brooke Army Medical Center Public Affairs

Five Warriors in Transition have earned the utmost respect from their peers during two ceremonies Feb. 12 held at Brooke Army Medical Center and the Center for the Intrepid.

Each warrior received a Purple Heart, an American combat decoration awarded to members of the armed forces of the U.S. who are wounded by an instrument of war in the hands of the enemy.

"This is a badge of honor, merit and courage," said Maj. Gen. Anthony Cuculo III, chief of public affairs in Washington, D.C., and host of the ceremonies. "It allows you to be recognized by other Soldiers."

According to Cuculo, when everyone sees you with a Purple Heart, "they will recognize you as someone who sacrificed and showed courage in the face of an enemy."

The Purple Heart recipients were:

Maj. Jason Waggoner, a public affairs officer in Iraq, assigned to Headquarters, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st



Pfc. Randall McMinn; Maj. Jason Waggoner, and his wife, Brianna; Spc. Chad Pfeifer; Sgt. Randall Bagwell, Spc. Ryan Richardson listen to closing remarks given by Maj. Gen. Anthony Cuculo III, chief of public affairs in Washington, D.C., and host of the Feb. 12 Purple Heart ceremony held at the Center for the Intrepid. Spc. Randy Moore also received his Purple Heart at Brooke Army Medical Center.

Airborne Division, was injured Dec. 16, 2007 in Iraq. While covering a story with the battalion commander in a potato field, Waggoner stepped over a hidden improvised explosive device which detonated and resulted in an amputation above the left knee.

Spc. Chad Pfeifer, an infantryman assigned to D Company, 3rd Bn., 509th Infantry regiment, 4th Brigade, 25th Infantry Div., was injured April 12, 2007 in Iraq. While on a convoy mission,

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North star



Courtesy photo

Greg Oveland, president Eisenhower Bank, welcomes Army Lt. Col. (retired) Oliver North to Fort Sam Houston. Oveland agreed to convert the bank board room to a production studio for North and his crew who were in San Antonio to interview Sgt. Aaron Mankin, Marine Corps combat correspondent who was injured in Iraq, May 11, 2005 for North's War Stories television series. Mankin and his family live on Fort Sam Houston while he continues his rehabilitation at Brooke Army Medical Center.

Wounded warriors contribute to U.S. Army South

Staff Sgt. Nicholas Lutton
U.S. Army South Public Affairs

While rehabilitating from injuries in Iraq, wounded warriors are forging strong bonds in the provost marshal's office at U.S. Army South here.

"When visiting wounded military police at Brooke Army Medical Center, some of them had expressed a desire to continue working as an MP while they were going through their recovery," said Sgt. Maj. Lonnie Crook, sergeant major for the provost marshal's office at U.S. Army South. "I talked to the first sergeant at the Warrior Transition Unit, and he told me they already had a program in place where Soldiers could work for units provided it didn't interfere with their recovery."

Sgt. John Botts, an MP working for U.S. Army South, was a team leader on a routine presence patrol in Sadr City, Iraq, when his vehicle was hit, which resulted in the loss of his leg.

"There are a lot of guys who have come through that are just really positive. It's all about their outlook. I'm just really grateful that these guys have taken me in," said Botts.

Botts brought in another Soldier so someone else could also benefit from the work.

"Sgt. Botts had already been working up here and he asked if I'd like to get a job instead of just going to physical therapy everyday ... so I got in contact with Sgt. Maj. Crook and he got me a job

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Tax time

The Fort Sam Houston Garrison Tax Center is located in Building 133, immediately behind the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, and the Brooke Army Medical Center satellite office is located in the basement level of BAMC, in suite L46-8B. The garrison and BAMC centers are taking appointments. To schedule an appointment with the garrison tax center, call 295-1040; for the BAMC tax center, call 916-1040.

National Prayer Breakfast

The Fort Sam Houston National Prayer Breakfast will be held Friday from 6:15 to 8 a.m. at the Sam Houston Club. The guest speaker will be Chaplain (Brig. Gen.) Donald Rutherford, Army deputy chief of chaplains. The cost is a \$2 donation. Tickets will be available Monday and can be purchased through a Unit Ministry Team.

Security officers needed

Walden Security is accepting applications for security professionals to fill immediate openings at Fort Sam Houston. The requirements are a high school diploma or GED, ability to pass a background check, drug screen, and reliable transportation. Ideal candidate is customer-service focused with security experience. Competitive pay and benefits are offered. To apply, stop by 2404 New Braunfels Ave. at Fort Sam Houston or call 221-1786.

Wilford Hall Podiatry Clinic moves

The podiatry clinic at Wilford Hall Medical Center has moved from the hospital's second floor to the basement. The clinic provides comprehensive medical and surgical treatment of a wide variety of foot and ankle disorders. The clinic also provides lower-extremity evaluation for custom and over-the-counter orthotics. Patients now check in at Room BA92. For more information, call 292-4122.

Housing goes paperless

Lincoln Military Housing is going paperless and asks residents to provide the housing office with an e-mail address. Starting March 1, all announcements to include resident activities, community projects, and newsletters will be sent via e-mail only. Residents not wishing to receive e-mail announcements can call or stop by the housing office to receive information. Residents are encouraged to contact the housing office with their updated information at 270-7638 or e-mail www.sam-houstonlpc.com.

Award winning Surgeon general honors BAMC for patient care

By Jen Rodriguez

Brooke Army Medical Center Public Affairs

Brooke Army Medical Center was awarded The Surgeon General's Award for Excellence in Patient Care and Adding Value to the Healthcare Experience for MEDCENS (medical centers) at the 2008 Military Health System "Caring for America's Heroes" conference held Jan. 28 to 31 in Washington, D.C.

Brig. Gen. James Gilman, commander of Great Plains Regional Medical Center and BAMC, said the award recognizes the entire organization and not just an outstanding individual or group or section.

"The surgeon general recognizes how hard we have worked to live up to our mission statement 'we are dedicated to Warrior Service,'" Gilman said. "All of the officers, noncommissioned officers, GS civilians, contractors and volunteers have come together as a team and are pulling in the same direction to accomplish that mission — and that is evident to everyone up to the surgeon general.

"We are blessed with the best facilities in the Army Medical Department. We are blessed with a very supportive garrison and installation for our mission," he said. "We are also blessed with being in San Antonio, Military City USA. We are blessed with great people. The award recognizes that we have done quite a lot with those blessings."

BAMC's pharmacy also received the MHS Army Pharmacy Excellence Award for 2007 — an honor co-shared with the pharmacy at Rader Clinic in Fort Myer, Va.

Army Surgeon General and Medical Command Commander Lt. Gen. Eric Schoomaker presented the award



Courtesy photo

Army Surgeon General and Medical Command Commander Lt. Gen. Eric Schoomaker presents The Surgeon General's Award for Excellence in Patient Care and Adding Value to the Healthcare Experience for MEDCENS (medical centers) award to Brig. Gen. James Gilman, commander of Great Plains Regional Medical Center and BAMC, and Command Sgt. Maj. Donna Simmons at the 2008 Military Health System "Caring for America's Heroes" conference held Jan. 28 to 31 in Washington, D.C.

to Gilman, and GPRMC and BAMC Command Sgt. Maj. Donna Simmons during a separate session at the MHS conference.

During the four-day conference, Army, Air Force and Navy surgeons general and Coast Guard chief medical officers discussed the MHS' role in global health-care delivery, and attended plenary and breakout sessions that aligned with the MHS strategic plan, goals and objectives.

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MEDCOM officer earns first Allgood award

By Jerry Harben

U.S. Army Medical Command

Outstanding medical care during combat earned an officer at Medical Command Headquarters a new honor.

Lt. Col. Kelly Murray received the first Col. Brian Allgood Physician Combat Care Award at the Military Health System Conference in Washington, D.C., Jan. 28 to 31.

Murray is a family practice physician and flight surgeon assigned as the primary-care staff officer at MEDCOM Headquarters at Fort Sam Houston.

"It's very humbling. To be mentioned in the same sentence with Brian Allgood is a tremendous honor," Murray said.

Allgood was a West Point graduate, Ranger and orthopedic surgeon who was killed near Diyala, Iraq, in January 2007. At the time of his death, he was command surgeon for Multinational Force-Iraq.

Murray participated in the invasion of Iraq in 2003 as regimental surgeon for the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment. During her 15-month tour, she took part in 200 combat missions, including being one of the first health providers who responded to the bombing of the United Nations headquarters in Iraq on Aug. 19, 2003.

"My unit was about a half-mile away. We felt the explosion and thought it was a mortar attack hitting us — that was the force of the explosion," Murray said.

The bomb killed 22 people and injured about 150.

"We packed up our trauma gear and went straight over there. It was an unbelievable situation. For the first time I saw what evil really is," she said.

"Everyone pulled together. Even though we hadn't worked together everyone seemed to know their part," she said. "Within a couple of hours



Courtesy photo

Lt. Col. Kelly Murray teaches Iraqi medical personnel the Advanced Life Support in Obstetrics course in 2004.

everyone had been evacuated to care."

Murray said there weren't many war casualties to treat immediately after U.S. forces occupied Baghdad, so

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Black History Month Fort Sam remembers 'father of black history'

Story and photo by Olivia Mendoza
Fort Sam Houston Public Information Office

The Fort Sam Houston community commemorated Black History Month by remembering Carter G. Woodson and the origins of multiculturalism Feb. 13 at a luncheon at the Sam Houston Club.

Dr. Carter G. Woodson was born Dec. 19, 1875, in New Canton, Va. Woodson's parents were former slaves. He spent his childhood working in the Kentucky coal mines, enrolled in high school at age 20 and was the second African-American to earn a Harvard doctorate.

In 1926, he began promoting Negro History Week and

chose the second week of February to celebrate the birthdays of two men who greatly influenced the black American population, Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass.

"On Feb. 10, 1976, the late President Gerald R. Ford expanded Negro History Week to Black History Month; therefore, we honor the 'father of black history' Dr. Carter G. Woodson for his origins of multiculturalism," said Col. John Cook, commander, 32nd Medical Brigade. "Dr. Woodson hoped the time will come when Negro History Week would be unnecessary when all Americans willingly recognize the contributions of black Americans as a legiti-

mate and integral part of history of this country."

Following Cook's opening remarks was guest speaker Lt. Col. Rene' Brown, commander, San Antonio Recruiting Battalion, who asked the audience to understand "Who Cares?" He said,

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Guest speaker Lt. Col. Rene' Brown, commander, San Antonio Recruiting Battalion, receives the City of San Antonio Proclamation from Col. John Cook, commander, 32nd Medical Brigade, during the Black History luncheon Feb. 13 at the Sam Houston Club.

Black History Month Trivia Contest

1. Between 1791 and 1793, surveys were done to design what is now Washington, D.C. What black mathematician was on the survey team?

2. A Supreme Court ruling in 1948 allowed Blacks to do what?

3. What significant event in baseball occurred in 1920?

4. Who was the youngest person to ever receive the Nobel Peace Prize?

5. What is the significance of radio station "WERD"?

People should e-mail trivia contest answers to Gayle.Ellis@cen.

amedd.army.mil, no later than the Tuesday following the publication of the questions. The first person to submit the correct answers will win a prize and have their name published, along with the answers, in the next edition of the News Leader. For more information, call Ellis at 221-7709.

Answers to Feb. 14 trivia questions are:

1. Fisk University
2. Phyllis Wheatley
3. Slavery
4. Dr. Theodore Lawless

The winner of last week's trivia questions is Joseph Myles.

(From left) Col. Wendy Martinson, commander, U.S. Army Garrison Fort Sam Houston; Maj. Gen. Keith Huber, commanding general, U.S. Army South; Col. Cheryl Harris, commander, 470th Military Intelligence Group; Maj. Gen. David Lacquement, commanding general, U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command; and Charles Midkiff, chief executive officer of Orion Partners, Inc., donned hard hats and scooped shovels Friday during the groundbreaking ceremony for the new 470th MI Brigade building.



Photo by Cheryl Harrison

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meet the needs of prospective tenants who would like to be on Fort Sam Houston, but for whom the garrison does not have space. They could be government users or private tenants.

A construction bubble, which is a temporary relocation of the post perimeter fence, has been built. The “bubble” goes around the new building site and can be entered by workers from Burr Road without allowing them to enter the rest of the post. A noise and visual barrier will be constructed around the northern perimeter of the site to mitigate the impact of construction on the homes in the immediate vicinity of the building site.

The developer of the new building, Orion Partners, Inc, have been constructing office buildings in San Antonio since 1982.

Chandler said, “This building represents another first-of-its kind initiative for Fort Sam Houston. Orion Partners, with its partner, Weston Solutions, Inc., was the first private entity to join with the Army under provisions of the Enhanced-Use Lease program. The offices at Fort Sam, consisting of the Old BAMC, the North and South Beach Pavilions, and now this new building, is a model development of its kind on a national scale and a fascinating project.”

The general contractor for the new facility is Rosenberger Construction, an Austin company which also has a San Antonio office. Rosenberger will do the shell building construction, with the interior finish construction to be performed by Orion Construction Services, Inc. The architect for the project is Ed Reh, of RPK Architects, Austin, Texas.

“It is a fact that everything we do is done in concert with the Army, primarily the garrison, and our relationship with the garrison is of prime importance to us. We have been very blessed to have had great people to work with at the garrison, great leadership and great staff. None of these things would have been possible if these people hadn’t worked with us in a partnership relationship,” said Chandler.

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“Who cares about black history? It’s past, not present. Who cares about black history? It’s old school, and not new age. Who cares about black history? It’s out of style, not in vogue. Who cares about this thing we call black history?”

Brown answered, “Well I do and so do you.

PURPLE HEARTS from P3

Pfeifer’s vehicle was hit by an IED resulting in an amputation above the left knee.

Spc. Ryan Richardson, a scout assigned to Bravo Troop, 1-40th Cav. Squadron, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Div., was injured Oct. 13, 2007 in Iraq. While conducting an assault dismount, Richardson stepped on a pressure plate anti-personnel mine resulting in 3 percent body burns and a sinus fracture.

Pfc. Randall McMinn of Linden, Texas, was injured Dec. 12, 2007 in Iraq, when his vehicle was hit by an IED resulting in an amputation below the right knee and a left crushed heel. The

“In the words of Dr. Woodson, those who have no record of what their forebears accomplished lose the inspiration caused by the teaching of biography and history,” he said. “Dr. Woodson developed a philosophy of history, history he insisted is not the mere gathering of facts, and the object of this historical study is to

infantryman was assigned to B Company 2nd, 502nd Infantry Regiment 101st Airborne Div.

In addition to receiving their Purple Hearts, Waggoner was awarded a combat action badge, and McMinn received a combat infantryman badge. McMinn, Waggoner, Pfeifer and Richardson received their decorations at the CFI.

Earlier that day, Cucolo also presented a Purple Heart to Spc. Randy Moore, an infantryman at BAMC. Moore was injured Jan. 14 in Iraq, while on foot patrol. Moore stepped on a pressure plate for an IED resulting in a complete left hand amputation and other combat injuries.

arrive at a reasonable interpretation of the facts.”

Brown closes, “Americans, one day we will not question the color of our presidential

candidate nor his or her gender; that will be the day when we finally grow up.”

The luncheon also included poetry written by Gloria

Armmer; recited poetry by Corria Bowen, Cole Middle School student; and music entertainment by “Rhythm and Rap Evangelist.”

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and laboratory space, as well as dining and physical fitness

facilities, and a recreation center. Contracts for construction of these additional facilities, including a third dormitory building, will be

awarded in the future.

The dorm project is part of the San Antonio BRAC Program, a construction and renovation initiative aimed at

providing the facilities and infrastructure necessary to implement the 2005 BRAC mandates. The mandates call for relocating several administrative and medical training missions to San Antonio, as well as consolidating certain missions that already exist at local installations. This initiative is scheduled to continue through September 2011 and is expected to cost in excess of \$2 billion.

The facilities built and renovated on Fort Sam Houston during the BRAC program are expected to make way for as many as 11,000 additional

military personnel and federal employees.

Representatives of the Army Corps of Engineers are working on the BRAC Program as members of the Joint Program Management Office, which is overseeing the design and construction efforts. The JPMO is a joint military service entity that represents a partnership between the Corps, the Air Force Center for Engineering and the Environment, the Naval Facilities Engineering Command and private-sector contractors.

(Source: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District)

AWARD WINNING from P4

In one of the sessions, attendees learned about the Center for the Intrepid at BAMC, and how its innovative programs and state-of-the-art support staff provide care for wounded service-members.

Hosted by the Department of Defense assistant secretary of defense for health affairs, the deputy director of TRI-CARE Management Activity, and the surgeons general of the armed services, the MHS conference drew more than 3,000 health-care professionals and MHS leaders.

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she concentrated on rebuilding Iraqi medical capabilities.

"We wanted to get the Iraqi health-care system back on its feet. We rehabilitated about 70 clinics and 10 hospitals. We also started several medical education programs," she said.

"In the 1960s they were practicing cutting-edge medicine in Iraq. Then came the Iran-Iraq war, Saddam Hussein and U.N. sanctions and they were cut off from the world. They were very eager to get back in touch with the outside medical community," she added.

Murray created a medical action committee that met with local medical directors, nongovernmental organizations and Iraqi hospitals in the Al Resafa district of eastern Baghdad. The progress they made led the Iraqi Ministry of Health to recognize Al Resafa as the best primary health-care department in Iraq.

While traveling to one of these local meetings, Murray's convoy was attacked with small arms and grenades. She

treated an injured officer and took control of the situation, earning a Bronze Star Medal with V device for valor.

In 2005 Murray returned to Iraq as chief of professional services for Task Force 30th Medical Brigade. She developed the first expanded theater medical consultant program for Iraq, established a second platelet apheresis center for blood transfusions, brought in equipment to treat hypothermia and standardized medical equipment in combat support hospitals across Iraq.

"Nothing glamorous, but we facilitated a lot of innovations," she commented.

Murray said her advice to medical leaders preparing for combat duty is to "mentor your medics and drill so you can act as a team.

"I made sure we continually practiced medical battle drills, so when bullets are flying and things are exploding around you, you react without thinking," she said.

"Take care of your Soldiers and they will take care of you. Everything else will fall into place," she added.

Murray is a graduate of Drake University and the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. She said she was led to military

service because she "looked up" to a big brother who was in uniform.

"I wouldn't change the experience, although there

have been some challenging times," she said. "The friends you make – the sense of family – I don't know any other job where you can get that."

Family members of Fort Sam parents win scholarships

By Cheryl Harrison

Fort Sam Houston Public Information Office

Being a military family member sometimes means having to make new friends, work harder to make a sports team, and find their niche in new schools. But two young men, both seniors in local public schools have overcome the obstacles and been rewarded for their efforts.

Seniors, Dominick Maddox of Judson High School and Mario Wiggins of Madison, were recruited by the Texas State Bobcats, and both signed as defensive backs.

Both boys are not only seniors at their respective high

schools, both defensive backs for their football teams, but they are also both sons of military members assigned on Fort Sam Houston and they happen to be cousins.

Ike Maddox spoke about his son Dominick with pride and said, "This has been 18 years of watching him grow-up, it makes me almost cry – to be a military kid, keeping up with his studies, moving and playing sports has been a dream come true."

Dominick is the son of Sgt. 1st Class Stephanie Hython-Maddox and father, Ike Maddox. Mario is the son of retired Air Force Tech Sgt. Shelly Wiggins and Mario Wiggins.



Mario Wiggins, senior at Madison High School.



Dominick Maddox, senior at Judson High School.



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Soldiers shine in local run

The B Company, 264th Medical Battalion 10K team competed in the San Antonio Road Runners Bird Lover's 10K Run Feb. 9 at Mitchell Lake Audubon Center. The Soldiers had to maneuver through rough terrain around four holding ponds. Spc. Zabih Kocer, a 68K medical laboratory technician student, finished third in his 25-29 age group with a time of 47:51. Pvt. Nathaniel Redden, who is currently awaiting the start of his 68P radiology specialist course, finished third in the 20-24 age group with a time of 44:20. Both Soldiers ran a difficult course with swiftness against local seasoned runners. Congratulations to Kocer and Redden for an outstanding performance.

Race to the Top

Can you make it all the way? Stop by the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center March 10 to 14 to prove you've got what it takes to make it to the top. This month the goal is to reach the top of the Tower of Americas, a total of 952 steps on the stepmill machines at the fitness center. This competition is free and T-shirts are \$10. For more information, call 221-1234 or 221-2020.

Intramural golf

Coaches meetings for intramural golf will be held Tuesday, March 11 and 18 from 12 to 1 p.m. at the Fort Sam Houston Golf Course. Rosters are due March 18. The league begins April 1 at 5:30 p.m. For more information, call 221-4388 or 221-3185, or e-mail earl.t.young@us.army.mil.

Intramural flag football

Letters of intent for spring flag football are due April 4. A coaches and rules meeting will be held April 8 at 1 p.m. at the Brigade Gym. The

season begins April 14. Send letters of intent to Earl Young, 1212 Stanley Road, Building 124, Suite 20, Fort Sam Houston, Texas 78234. For more information, call 221-3185 or e-mail earl.t.young@us.army.mil.

Intramural softball

Letters of intent for intramural spring softball are due March 3. A coaches and rules meeting will be held March 11 at 1 p.m. at the Brigade Gym. The season begins April 7. Send letters of intent to Earl Young, 1212 Stanley Road, Building 124, Suite 20, Fort Sam Houston, Texas 78234. For more information, call 221-3185 or e-mail earl.t.young@us.army.mil.

Intramural soccer

Letters of intent for intramural soccer are due March 3. A coaches and rules meeting will be held March 10 at 1 p.m. at the Brigade Gym. The season begins April 7. Send letters of

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Salute to veterans



Photo by Esther Garcia

Staff Sgt. Howard Markel, Noncommissioned Officer's Academy and Staff Sgt. Yvonne Saldiver, Brooke Army Medical Center, visit with Army veteran Pfc. Robert Thompson at Audie Murphy Memorial Veterans Hospital during the annual Salute to Hospitalized Veterans Program. The program is an opportunity to invite the community to say thank you to hospitalized veterans of all wars and peacetime periods. Thompson, who was assigned to the 24th Infantry Division, said he fought with General Douglas MacArthur. "He was a fine gentleman. I am very proud of him," said Thompson. Members of the Sergeant Audie Murphy club also spend the day visiting with veterans.

Fort Sam Houston Fiesta & Fireworks T-Shirt Design Contest

Calling all artists!

The Fort Sam Houston military and civilian community is invited to participate in the post's Fiesta & Fireworks T-shirt Design Contest.

Fort Sam Houston Fiesta & Fireworks is scheduled to take place April 20 beginning at 1 p.m. and ending with fireworks at 9 p.m. Events include entertainment, military ceremony, military equipment display, carnival rides, games, food and drinks.

Design format: 8 inches wide by 10 inches long, and must represent Fort Sam Houston. Select no more than five bright colors for the T-shirt.

Submit entries via e-mail to lucille.miller@us.army.mil or esther.garcia1@us.army.mil or bring a DVD to Building 124, Lucy Miller, Morale, Welfare and Recreation, or Esther Garcia, Public Affairs Office.

Deadline: Feb. 29

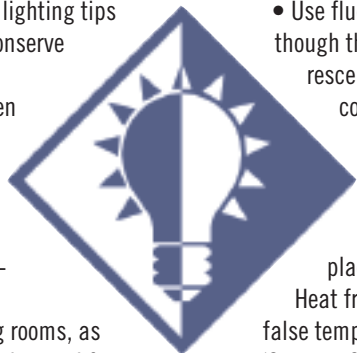
Judging will take place March 4 by senior leadership from the various tenant commands.

Prizes: One winner will be selected. A military winner will receive \$100 cash, the first printed T-shirt, framed, and \$100 for the company/unit fund. A civilian winner will receive \$100 cash and the first printed T-shirt, framed. The T-shirt will be sold at the post fiesta event.

Energy-saving tips

A few little lightbulbs can make a big difference on your monthly power bill. Follow these lighting tips to keep your home well-lit and still conserve energy:

- Remember to turn off lights when they are not needed. Lighting can account for up to 10 percent of the electrical consumption in a household.
- Use dimmer switches and lower-wattage bulbs when possible.
- Use lighter colors when painting rooms, as this tends to reflect light and reduce the need for



supplementary lights.

- Use fluorescent lighting when possible. Even though the initial expense is more with fluorescent lighting, it will pay for its extra cost in energy saving over its lifetime.
- Connect fixtures with separate switches so they can be operated independently of each other.
- When arranging furniture, avoid placing a lamp near your thermostat. Heat from the lamp will give the thermostat false temperature readings

(Source: City Public Service)

Did you know?

Did you know that deer and peacocks are not the only animals which have graced the grounds of the Quadrangle?

In March 1899, the post accepted a gift of two swans to go along with the recently completed "artificial lake" in the Quadrangle. The local newspaper also noted that there was an alligator in the Quadrangle at that time. I wonder what the safety officer had to say about that. Or perhaps the 'gator was there to augment the night watchman?

For more information on Fort Sam Houston history, call the Fort Sam Houston Museum at 221-1886 or the U.S. Army Medical Department Museum at 221-6358



The 'artificial lake' in the Quadrangle as it appeared around 1912. Both of the swans can be seen in the foreground.

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intent to Earl Young, 1212 Stanley Road, Building 124, Suite 20, Fort Sam Houston, Texas 78234. For more information, call 221-3185 or e-mail earl.t.young@us.army.mil.

Intramural tennis

Letters of intent for intramural tennis are due April 2. A coaches and rules meeting will be held April 7 at 1 p.m. at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center. The season begins April 14. Send letters of intent to Earl Young

at the Brigade Gym. For more information, call 221-3185 or e-mail earl.t.young@us.army.mil.

Basketball camp

The Ten Star All Star Basketball Camp will be taking applications from boys and girls ages 10 to 19. Players selected to the All American Team may be eligible for a college basketball scholarship. Summer camp is available for boys and girls ages 6 to 18 of all skill levels. For more information, call 704-373-0873 or visit www.tenstarcamp.com.

Intramural Basketball Standings

Feb. 14

Team	Win	Loss
MRTC Magicians	9	3
ISR	8	5
East Recruiting	7	4
USARSO	6	7
ACA Hawks	5	6
ARNORTH	5	8
NOSC Navy	2	7
WTB	3	9



Recreation and Leisure

Golf Demo Day

The Fort Sam Houston Golf Club will host a Golf Demo Day today from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Come out and test the latest in golf club technology and take your game to a higher level. Representatives from major manufacturers will be presenting their latest golf products. Everyone is invited to come to the driving range and hit the latest irons, woods and wedges at no cost. A variety of vendors, including Ping Golf, Taylor Made, Callaway Golf and Wilson Golf will be on hand. The Golf Club will offer additional savings on selected special orders placed during the event. The club will also give away door prizes between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Dining and Entertainment

MWR Ticket Office

The MWR ticket office is open Tuesdays through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Discounted tickets are available for local attractions as well as theme parks like Disney World and Universal Studios. For more information, visit www.footsamhoustonmwr.com or call 221-1663 or 224-2721.

Sam Houston Club

Karaoke Fridays

Come by the Sam Houston Club Fridays at 5 p.m. for free karaoke. Practice your vocals or just come out and have fun with friends to celebrate the end of another long work week. For more information, call 224-2721.

Harlequin Dinner Theatre

'Visit to a Small Planet'

The Harlequin Dinner Theatre will present the Gore Vidal comedy, "Visit to a Small Planet," Wednesday through March 29. Tickets are \$28 Wednesdays and Thursdays and \$31 Fridays and Saturdays. The doors open at 6:15 p.m. for salad bar and cocktails, with a buffet from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.;

the show begins at 8 p.m. Military discounts are available. For more information or to make reservations, call 222-9694.

Auditions for 'The Star-Spangled Girl'

The Harlequin Dinner Theatre will hold open auditions Monday and Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. for "The Star-Spangled Girl," a comedy by Neil Simon. William Champlin is directing this comedy. There are roles for two men and one woman, ages 20s to 30s, as well as other volunteers including an assistant director, stage manager, light and sound technicians, props and stage crew. Performances will be Wednesday to Saturday evenings from April 9 to May 10. For more information and directions to the theatre, call 222-9694.

Army Community Service

Volunteer Advisory Council

All organizations supported with volunteers are invited to send a representative to the Volunteer Advisory Council meeting Wednesday at Army Community Service, Building 2797, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Receive updated information on Volunteer of the

Year recognition events and meet the Army Volunteer Corps coordinator. For more information, call 221-9821.

'Precious Minds'

This eight-week parenting education program focuses on giving parents, grandparents, expectant parents and caregivers insight into seeing the world through the eyes of children. Participants learn interesting topics focusing on the development of children from birth through 48 months. Refreshments will be provided, as well as free childcare. The class is Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. For more information, call 221-2705.

Identity theft

The Financial Readiness Program will hold an identity theft class Tuesday from 2 to 4 p.m. in Building 2797. The class provides information on how to avoid becoming a victim, how to recognize signs and what to do if you become a victim. Seating is limited. For more information or to register, call 221-1612.

Commanders' training

A mandatory Family Advocacy Program training will be held Feb. 28 from 8 to 10 a.m. The training is required for commanders, first sergeants and senior leaders within 45 days following assumption of command. It provides a FAP overview

and insight about the command role in reporting domestic violence. The training examines leadership roles, how to report abuse, and how to prepare for the Case Review Committee to support Soldiers and their Family members. For more information, call 221-2720.

Child and Youth Services

Parent Advisory Council

A Child and Youth Services Parent Advisory Council meeting will be held March 18 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Child Development Center. PAC meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month. Lunch will be provided. All CYS patrons are encouraged to attend. This is an opportunity to meet staff, attend parent workshops and learn about upcoming events. For more information, call 221-4871 or 221-1723.

Saturdays at School Age Services

School Age Services is open the second and fourth Saturdays of every month from 2 to 6 p.m. Children from first to fifth grades can have a fun-filled afternoon at the School Age Services, Building 1705,

Winans Road. For more information, call 221-4466.

Baseball registration

Youth baseball registration will be held Monday through March 28. Patrons need to be registered with Child and Youth Services. To register, patrons need to have a current sport physical (valid for the entire season), \$45 activity fee, two local emergency fees, the child's Social Security number and updated shots record. For more information, call Central Registration at 221-4871 or 221-1723.

Youth talent show

The 2008 Youth Services Talent Show will be held Saturday from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Army Community Service, Building 2797. Come out and cheer on a variety of performers, including comedians, dancers, models, steppers, poets, speakers, singers and musicians. For more information, call 221-4871 or 221-1723.

Central Registration

Central Registration is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Building 2797. Walk-ins and appointments are welcome; patrons are seen after 4 p.m. by

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Ready ... aim ...

Instructors hone shooting skills at Camp Bullis

By Master Sgt. Robert Kolesar
Task Force Small Arms Readiness Group

Camp Bullis is the home of a small band of Soldiers who have a vital mission unique in the U.S. Army Reserve — training weapons instructors for deploying Soldiers.

Camp Bullis is the schoolhouse for the USAR troop weapons training program that trains thousands of deploying active, Reserve and National Guard Soldiers yearly.

The 14 Soldiers assigned to Task Force Small Arms Readiness Group Instructor Academy at Camp Bullis are experts in their chosen profession and passionate in their mission of turning out knowledgeable, confident marksmanship instructors.

Master Sgt. Mark Bearson, officer in charge of the Small Arms Instructor Academy, noted that several classes a year are held for aspiring instructors.

"Courses usually last two to four weeks, depending on the weapons we are teaching. These are instructor courses

for teaching basic marksmanship to deploying Soldiers who may not have touched a weapon since basic training. The activated Soldiers are given a heavy dose of refresher training by our instructors and assistance in proper zeroing. The Soldiers are then in much better shape for qualification."

Other courses are offered by the Small Arms Instructor Academy and are given whenever the training schedule permits. These include squad designated marksman, advanced rifle/pistol marksmanship and sniper sustainment. An improved short range marksmanship course and a pistol defense class are in the planning stages. The goal is to have a world-class USAR marksmanship training site at Camp Bullis.

Sgt. 1st Class Dwayne Lewis, chief instructor for the Academy, described the SDM course. "The Soldiers learn position shooting, range and wind estimation. When they're done they can confidently engage and hit targets at 500 yards with unmodified M16A4 rifles. They do it with



Photos by Staff Sgt. John Buol

Task Force Small Arms Readiness Group Instructor Sgt. 1st Class Paul Garner coaches an M9 shooter one-on-one during firing at the Sportsman's Range at Camp Bullis, which is located in northwest San Antonio.

both optics and iron sights. I think we offer the best squad designated marksman course in the Army."

Academy instructors train both instructor-candidates and deploying Soldiers. Task Force Soldiers have worked hard to develop a relationship with Fort Sam Houston units and have given specialized firearms training to deploying Fort Sam Houston Soldiers upon request. A close relationship also exists with local Air Force and Marine units. Lt. Col. Robert Thompson, Task Force SARG commander, based in Fort Gillem, Atlanta, stresses cooperation between other units and agencies non-stop.

"Al Qaeda is the enemy. We are here to train or assist in any way, any unit we can."

The backgrounds of these 14 Soldier-instructors that ply their trade at Bullis all have

one thing in common: extensive marksmanship experience. All are master instructors with hundreds of hours each "on the platform." Most wear the "President's Hundred" tab in service rifle, pistol or both and the U.S. Army Distinguished Rifleman or Pistol shot badge, or both. Some are former national champions. Many are decorated combat veterans. Sgt. Maj. Robert Payne, TF SARG sergeant major, is justifiably proud of his Soldiers.

"I have instructor experience here that is priceless. The task force has one goal — to turn out mobilized Soldiers who are confident with their weapon and can defend themselves. These instructors at Camp Bullis are the best in the Army at doing just that."

When not grooming new instructors or training mobilized Soldiers, TF SARG Academy instructors attend

in-service schools and compete in everything from local to national-level matches and train with outside units to further their specialized skills. As the USAR subject matter experts on marksmanship, TF SARG advises the First Army commander on marksmanship issues. Testing of new weapons and equipment is an additional duty for the weapons instructors of TF SARG and keeps their knowledge of firearms and shooting current.

Staff Sgt. Stephen Spencer, a senior instructor with the TF Academy, expressed his feelings about the Task Force, "I have the best job in the Army. We're making a direct contribution to the war effort by teaching Soldiers their most basic responsibility ... to hit their target. If the Soldier can't do that, nothing else really matters."



Sgt. Jorge Chavez teaches future marksmanship instructors between firing relays on the Sportsman's Range at Camp Bullis.

Brazilian officer joins U.S. Army South staff

By Eric Attkisson
U.S. Army South Public Affairs Office

For the first time in its existence, U.S. Army South has a foreign officer on its staff.

Lt. Col. Raul Rodrigues de Oliveira, a Brazilian cavalry officer and UH-60 pilot, began his first official day of work Feb. 4 as a foreign liaison officer at U.S. Army South, the Army component of U.S. Southern Command.

A 1987 graduate of Brazil's Agulhas Negras Military Academy, his Brazilian military training includes the airborne parachutist course, the navy's helicopter pilot course, the army's combat pilot course, the command and general staff course and the aviation advanced course. He is also a graduate of the U.S. Army's UH-60 aviation qualification and instructor pilot courses at Fort Rucker, Ala., as well as the Command and General Staff Course at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

And if that's not impressive enough, he has a law degree from Taubate University and speaks four languages: English, French and Spanish in addition to his native tongue of Portuguese.

"I try to, anyway," joked de Oliveira, when asked about his language proficiency. "I'm still learning Portuguese."

He said that Brazil's army officers are encouraged to learn other languages, including English, Spanish, French and even Mandarin Chinese, a reflection of Brazil's growing role on the world stage. In addition to leading the U.N.'s stabilization mission in Haiti, Brazil has sent peacekeepers and observers abroad to places like Angola, Mozambique, South Africa, Liberia, Uganda, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Cyprus, Croatia, Macedonia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Cambodia and East Timor.

De Oliveira himself served 11 months as an operations officer in the Military Observer Mission in Ecuador and Peru and spent three years in Brazil's 4th Army Aviation Battalion, flying helicopter missions over the Amazon Basin as a company commander and intelligence officer.

A battalion command may be in his near future, but first, he said, "I hope to contribute to strengthening the relations between my country and my army and the United States," a hope he shares with the U.S. Army South commander, Maj. Gen. Keith Huber.

"I want us to be a western-hemisphere, international organization, and the Deputy Chief of Staff Provost Marshal's office, said his faith and his family have gotten him through."

"I'm Roman Catholic so I place a lot into the faith aspect as well as Family. They always say you can tell your real friends when something like this happens because they're the ones who are jumping through hoops, but I tell you the people who jump through more hoops are your Family," Leifker said.

"Just the emotional strains they go through, they find out you've been injured, they have to wait almost three days before they can see you and actually know physically gets real monotonous. So being able to actually come into work helps out with not being so bored and doing the same thing everyday. It's just nice to be able to feel like you're still needed to do work," said Rempp.

Capt. Scott Leifker, from

the addition of Lt. Col. Oliveira is a huge step forward in that direction," said Huber, who often cites Brazil as one of his top priorities as commander.

"We do a lot with Brazil," says Maj. Charles "Chip" Nolan, the southern cone team chief for the international military affairs office and de Oliveira's sponsor at U.S. Army South. "We have enough work down there that I think he'll be fairly busy. Even though I spent a year and a half down there and we have an Army section chief in Brasilia, having an actual member of the Brazilian military here will be huge."

Among his many responsibilities as a FLO, de Oliveira will help coordinate a wide range of activities between U.S. Army South and the Brazilian army, to include joint and combined tactical exercises that include Brazilian military forces and regional initiatives such as the Conference of American Armies, a forum that promotes interoperability among the militaries of the hemisphere. He will also serve as a kind of "cultural ambassador" to the U.S. Army South staff.

Both Ehrig and Leifker sustained burns from a truck carrying propane that exploded at their entry control point.

Both Soldiers worked with Master Sgt. Wardell Turner, from DCS-PM, in the 501st MP Company out of Germany.

"Master Sgt. Turner and I were platoon sergeants in the same unit together in Germany in the 1st Armored Division. Between one of our mutual friends I found out he was coming here and he actually ended

up getting a house across the street from me," said Ehrig.

Ehrig was the first to approach Crook and Turner about working in U.S. Army South, and has recently made the list for promotion to master sergeant.

Although he is positive he will still be a full-time Soldier, Leifker is still going through the Medical Evaluation Board.

Rempp and Botts both have the opportunity to become military canine handlers.

"These Soldiers have an amazing attitude on life and on the Army. No matter how bad your day is going, when you see them around, contributing to the mission, you can't help but feel better inside when you see their positive attitude," said Crook.

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Photo by Staff Sgt. Nicholas Lutten

Maj. Charles "Chip" Nolan, the southern cone team chief for international military affairs, poses with Brazilian Lt. Col. Raul Rodrigues de Oliveira, U.S. Army South's first foreign liaison officer.



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Dave Barnes

(From left) Sgt. Maj. Lonnie Crook, Capt. John Leifker, Sgt. 1st Class Bobby Ehrig, Sgt. John Botts, Spc. Nicholas Rempp and Col. Robert Vittetoe work together in the Deputy Chief of Staff Provost Marshal's office at U.S. Army South.

Sam Houston Club closes temporarily for repairs

Morale, Welfare and Recreation and the Sam Houston Club would like to apologize for any inconvenience experienced by the club's valued customers last week.

The Sam Houston Club staff and Directorate of Public Works maintenance discovered a broken water line and plumbing pipe underneath the building, which caused an unpleasant odor throughout the facility. Due to these unforeseen events, MWR closed the club Feb. 13 through Friday so con-

tractors could turn off water lines and make necessary repairs to the pipes.

During the temporary closure, other maintenance was performed to include cleaning out vents, paint touch-ups and other minor repairs. By doing so, MWR can ensure the club stays in good condition for its customers.

The Sam Houston Club reopened Saturday, and again apologizes for any inconvenience.

(Source: MWR)



Courtesy photo

The Sam Houston Club closed temporarily last week for repair of a broken water line and plumbing pipe underneath the building.

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appointment only. To register for Child and Youth Services programs, patrons must provide current shot records (kindergarten through fifth grade), two local emergency designees, a health assessment/sport physical within the last year (sport physicals must be valid for the entire sports season), child's Social Security number, sponsor's Leave and Earnings Statement, spouse's W2 form, \$18 registration fee and activity fee payment. For more information, call 221-1723 or 221-4871.

SKIES Unlimited Classes

The Child and Youth Services Schools of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration and Skills Unlimited program offers language, music and sports classes for children ages 6 to 18 who are registered with CYS. The first month's fee is due at the time of registration at Building 2797. For more information, visit the Child Development Center, Building 2530; School Age Services, Building 1705; or Middle School and Teens, Building 1630; or call 221-1723 or 221-4871.

Cole griddier signs letter of intent for football scholarship

Robert G. Cole High School senior Damon Grant Jr. signed a national letter of intent Feb. 6, accepting a full football scholarship from Southern Athletic Conference Prairie View A&M University.

Reflecting on the prospect of playing Division I football, Grant said, "All I've ever wanted to do was play football. I've been waiting for this for a long time."

Grant was a three-year starter for the Cougars. He started both as quarterback and linebacker, and was named all-district at both positions. Grant's leadership propelled Cole to its first district championship in 20 years. He will play linebacker for the Panthers.

Grant is the first Cole football player to sign with a Division I program since Jay Harvey went to Southern Methodist University in 1991.

The signing ceremony was held in Cole's new media center and attended by Family and friends.

Cole athletic director and head football coach, Larry Ransom, advised Grant that "football will end some day, but an education will last forever."

Damon is the son of Marine Master Sgt. Damon Grant, and has been a student at Cole for the past three years.

(Source: Fort Sam Houston Independent School District)



Courtesy photo

Marine Master Sgt. Damon Grant congratulates his son, Cole High School senior Damon Grant Jr., upon signing his letter of intent to play football at Prairie View A&M University on National Signing Day Feb. 6.

Fort Sam Houston Independent School District Weekly Calendar Monday through March 1

Fort Sam Houston Elementary School

Book Fair all week
Feb. 28
FSHISD School Board meeting in professional development center, 11 a.m.
Dental Activity
Feb. 29
Spirit day
Pre-kindergarten through second grade Black History Month program, 8:25 a.m.
Grades three through five Black History Month program, 9:20 a.m.
Book Fair Family night, 5 p.m.

Robert G. Cole Middle and High School

Tuesday
Baseball at Cornerstone, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday
Ro-Hawk Invitational Golf Tournament at Randolph Oaks Golf Club
Feb. 28
FSHISD School Board meeting in professional development center, 11 a.m.
ACADEC State Competition at San Antonio College
DECA State Competition at Corpus Christi College
Feb. 29
ACADEC State Competition at San Antonio College
DECA State Competition at Corpus Christi College
Black History Month program, 3 p.m.
Baseball vs. St. Anthony, 4 p.m.
Middle school sock hop dance in middle school mall, 7 to 10 p.m.
March 1
ACADEC State Competition at San Antonio College
DECA State Competition at Corpus Christi College
Scholastic Aptitude Test

School board meeting

The Fort Sam Houston Independent School District Board of Trustees will hold their regular meeting Feb. 28 at 11 a.m. in the Fort Sam Houston ISD Professional Development Center, 1908 Winans Road.

Community

Meetings

Sergeant Audie Murphy Club

The Sergeant Audie Murphy Club, Van Autreve Chapter will hold its meeting today from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Fort Sam Houston Golf Club. Lunch will begin at 11:30 a.m. and the meeting will begin at 12 p.m. All members, including members who have recently arrived at Fort Sam Houston, are invited to attend. New members, call Sgt. 1st Class Diana Istre at 221-9925.

Federal Employed Women lunch, seminar

The Federal Employed Women Alamo City Chapter is sponsoring "Have a problem? Who do you call?" today at 11:30 a.m. at the Sam Houston Club, 1395 Chaffee Road. Lunch buffet cost is \$7 to \$8. The event is free and everyone is invited to attend. For more information or to make reservations, call Roz Wise at 373-8798.

Retired Officers' Wives, Widows' Club

The Retired Officers' Wives and Widows' Club of San Antonio will host a luncheon Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the Sam Houston Club. Schultz Nursery will present a timely program on container gardening. For more information or reservations, call Arline at 822-6559.

NCO Wives' Club

The Fort Sam Houston

Noncommissioned Officers' Wives Club invites all spouses to join them the first Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. at the Sam Houston Club. For more information, call Angie Luna at 333-0821 or 386-8265.

Events

Name the snack bar

The Randolph Oaks Golf Course is conducting a "Name the Snack Bar" contest. Be creative; just fill out the form at the Pro Shop customer service counter with a suggested name by Feb. 29. The person with the winning name will receive \$100 in food and beverage coupons. For more information, call 652-4653.

Free comedy show

Laugh till your sides hurt! Brad Garrett, three-time Emmy Award winning actor and comedian, best known for his roles on the TV sitcom "Everybody Loves Raymond" and "Til Death," will present an evening of adult comedy Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Lackland Air Force Base Gateway Club. Admission is free; everyone

ages 18 and up is welcome. For more information, call 645-7034.

Rummage Sale

The Junior League of San Antonio, Inc. will host the 84th Annual Rummage Sale March 1 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and March 2 from 12 to 3 p.m. at the Freeman Coliseum, 3201 E. Houston. Admission is free. For more information, call 225-1861 or visit www.jlsa.org.

Multiple Sclerosis walk

More than 2,000 San Antonio residents will take steps toward making a world free of Multiple Sclerosis March 1 during the 2008 Walk MS.

Registration begins at 7 a.m. and the MS walk starts at 9:30 a.m. at the AT&T Center. Participants can walk, run or skate the 1K or 5K route. For more information, call Debbie Pope at 800-323-4873, ext. 2286, e-mail Debbie.pope@txh.nmss.org or visit www.walkmstexas.org.

NAF job fair

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center Non-appropriated Funds division will hold a job fair March 1 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Sam Houston Club. Positions available include recreation aids, custodial workers, child and youth program assistants, summer hire positions and much more. Participating

organizations will conduct on-the-spot job interviews. For more information, call the NAF human resources office at 221-1600 or 221-9058.

Fisher House Charity Golf Tournament

The Brooke Army Medical Center Auxiliary will host the Annual Fisher House Golf Tournament at the Club at Sonterra Golf Course April 7 beginning at 11 a.m. The donations to play include a box lunch, goodie bag, T-shirt, the cost of the play and dinner. All proceeds will benefit the Fisher House. For more information or to register, e-mail Ellyn Gilbert at ellyngilbert@sbcglobal.net.

For Sale Fort Freebies

For Sale: Golf clubs, 3-PW graphite, \$40; white wicker queen-size headboard, \$75; white wicker desk, \$75; white wicker rocker, \$70; queen mattress set and frame, \$175. Call 697-9261 or 363-4056.

For Sale: GE 21-cubic-foot refrigerator, \$150; GE electric stove, clean, works fine, \$50. Call 688-

2445.

For Sale: Coffee table, light brown, rectangle, \$25; Baby Trend infant car seat with base, clean, \$50; Fisher Price infant swing, seat moves side to side and front to back, musical mobile, \$50. Call 946-4530.

For Sale: Handmade solid cherry heirloom cradle, \$450; antique oak

Submission guidelines:

Freebies are published on a first-come, first-served basis. The deadline is close of business Friday. Freebies are intended for personal household goods, and may only be submitted by active, retired or reserve military members and civilian employees working on Fort Sam Houston. Real estate ads will not be published. To submit a Fort Freebie, e-mail news.leader@conus.army.mil or fax to 221-1198. Freebies run for one week unless submitter calls to renew. Limit of five items per entry. For more information, call 221-0546.

dresser/buffet, \$275; antique Waterbury Hillsdale oak shelf clock, \$190. Call 370-3123.

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